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In re Application of:

Fred Gruner, et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A TWO  
STAGE PIPELINED INSTRUCTION  
DECODE AND ALIGNMENT USING  
PREVIOUS INSTRUCTION LENGTH

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OFFICE OF PETITIONSDECLARATION OF RONALD C. CARD

Sir:

I, Ronald C. Card, having personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney registered to practice in the State of California, the State of Washington, and before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Reg. No. 44,587). At all times material hereto, I was employed by Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP as an associate attorney.

2. Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP received instructions from Intel Corporation, Inc. (hereinafter "Intel") to file a patent application for an invention entitled "Method and System For A Two Stage Pipelined Instruction Decode and Alignment" (hereinafter the "invention"). Pursuant to this, I drafted a patent application for said

invention and filed a patent application on August 30, 1999. The patent application was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with an unsigned declaration. One of the co-inventors of the invention was Mr. Mike Morrison.

3. After I received the Notice of Missing Parts from the PTO for the patent application, I prepared a Declaration/Power of Attorney and an Assignment to Intel for signature by all the co-inventors, including Mr. Morrison. Copies of the Declaration/Power of Attorney and the Assignment were sent to Mr. Morrison for his signature. In addition, a cover letter was sent to Mr. Morrison requesting his signature on the documents.

4. On numerous occasions after the Declaration/Power of Attorney and Assignment were sent to Mr. Morrison, I attempted to contact Mr. Morrison at both his work and home telephone numbers. On those occasions, I was never able to talk with Mr. Morrison on the telephone. However, I left messages on both his work and home answering machines requesting Mr. Morrison to sign the documents and to return the signed documents to me.

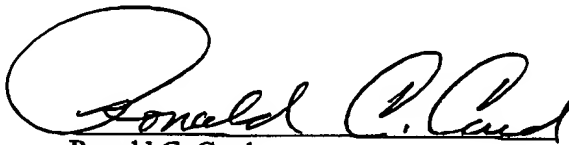
5. On February 9, 2000, I wrote a letter to Mike Morrison again requesting him to sign a Declaration and Power of Attorney for the invention and an Assignment assigning the invention to Intel. I mailed the package including the letter, a combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, and the Assignment to Mike Morrison's address in Santa Clara, California on February 9, 2000. The letter also included a pre-paid Federal Express return envelope for mailing the documents back to Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman. The letter to Mr. Morrison specifically requested him to return the signed documents to me using the return Federal Express envelope no later than February 15, 2000. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the February 9, 2000 letter.

6. By February 15, 2000, I had not received any reply from Mr. Morrison. Accordingly, on February 16, 2000, a Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment signed by all of the co-inventors except Mike Morrison were filed with the PTO using a certificate of mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are true and correct copies of the combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Assignment as signed by the co-inventors. The only person who did not sign the Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Assignment that were filed with the PTO was Mike Morrison.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein on my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001, of Title 18 of the United State Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 14, 2002

  
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